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Council on At-Risk Youth Marches for Peace

APD Chief Art Acevedo will be the guest speaker concluding the Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY) "march for peace" on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, at Webb Middle School located at 601 E. St. Johns Avenue, at 2:30 p.m. The march begins in the Reagan High School parking lot at 1:30 p.m. and ends at Webb Middle School at 2:30pm.

The St. John's community experienced an incident several weeks ago in which four armed and dangerous individuals drove recklessly through the neighborhood and became engaged in a neighborhood shooting with police.

Webb Middle School, CARY students discussed this incident and concluded that the four individuals in question severely jeopardized neighborhood and school grounds safety. As a result, the students made the decision to conduct a "march for peace". The march was coordinated with the APD Northeast Area Command District Representatives, Webb Middle School Administrators, and the St. John's Neighborhood Association and Alliance.

The purpose of the march is to communicate to neighbors and the community their interest in promoting community safety and violence free schools and neighborhoods. 200-400 participants are expected from the Reagan community, the St. John's community, AISD faculty and students, and anyone willing to march for peace.

CARY was started in 2000. The mission is "helping youth promote safe schools and safe communities" by offering programs proven to prevent youth violence. The 12-month program focuses on social cognitive skills training emphasizing violence prevention and positive social skills by CARY Youth Advisors with individual behavioral counseling, parent groups and service learning projects.

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